

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS &
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING**

Hearing Date: April 8, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

The Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) invites all interested citizens, community groups, agencies and organizations to attend a public meeting to obtain your comments regarding new rules and changes to the Moderate Income Housing Unit (MIHU) Regulations.

As a result of [Council Bill 50-2019](#), changes have been made to the MIHU Regulations and the full document can be reviewed on by clicking here – [Subtitle 4 – Moderate Income Housing Unit](#). In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the new rule and changes are as follows:

“Define certain terms such as disability income, disability income housing unit, low income and low income housing unit; providing for Disability Income Housing Units as an optional method of providing moderate income housing units in certain instances; providing for certain numbers of units when Disability Income Housing Units are used; adding a unit type and size for studio units that are used as a Moderate Income Housing Unit offered for sale or rent; amending certain prohibited transfers to allow that certain types of entities that are formed to receive low income housing tax credits may use optional or alternative methods; amending the fee in lieu to clarify the basis for the computation of square footage used to determine the rate; clarifying when the fee in lieu will be paid; providing that the fee in lieu can be used for grants to the Housing Commission or local nonprofits; amending how many days the Department shall use when calculating the prevailing interest rate; providing that the Department shall establish rental rates for Disability Incoming Housing Units that shall be based on monthly income; clarifying that sales prices shall be based on certain square footage; establishing the pricing for the subsequent sale of previously occupied Moderate Income Housing Units, under certain conditions; providing for certain fines and penalties; adding certain qualifications to be eligible to purchase or rent; including employees of the Housing Commission as those who will receive certain priority; providing that purchasers who do not reside in their unit shall be subject to certain penalties; requiring that Regulations contain certain criteria; making certain technical corrections; and generally related to moderate income housing in Howard County.”

30-Day Public Comment Period

The 30 days begin on March 8, 2021 at 8 AM and runs through April 7, 2021 at 5 PM. Written comments must be received by the end of the thirty (30) day Public Comment Period. Following the Public Comment Period, DHCD’s Advisory Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 6 PM and will vote on the proposed rule and changes. Please access this link to register for the hearing - [DHCD Board Meeting](#)

Written comments must be directed to Kelly Cimino, Director, Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development or to Quanita Kareem, Compliance Officer at 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224, Columbia, MD 21046. Comments can also be provided by email, either to Kelly Cimino at kcimino@howardcountymd.gov or to Quanita Kareem at qkareem@howardcountymd.gov.